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Powder in bin sparks Canada Post evacuation

Hazmat team. Possible dangerous substance shuts down processing, delays mail delivery

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Mail delivery was cancelled Wednesday in east London after white powder was found in Canada Post's sorting facility on Highbury Avenue.

The building was evacuated and the fire department's hazardous material team was called in after an employee discovered the powder in a transport bin about 5:30 a.m. Tests done at the scene couldn't identify the substance, District Fire Chief Wayne Brown said.

So far, officials have only been able to confirm the substance is an organic compound, meaning it could be anything from anthrax to protein powder. A sample has been sent away for more extensive testing. Brown didn't know when the additional test results would be available.

"It leaves a lot of unknowns," Brown said. "We can't say with absolute certainty that (the substance) is not harmful."

No one working inside the building showed signs of illness, Brown said. Emergency crews left the scene about 1 p.m., advising there was no immediate danger.

Canada Post spokesman Eugene Knapik said the facility will remain closed until all chances that the powder is dangerous have been ruled out.

The building serves as the distribution point for all mail that comes to London and as the depot for parcels headed to east London.

Trucks carrying mail for all areas except the east end had left before the powder was discovered Wednesday, Knapik said. That mail remains in the facility, and officials don't know when it will be delivered.

"Once we can access that mail, we'll be able to get (it) out on the street as quickly as possible," Knapik said. "Hopefully, we'll be back to normal (soon)."

Arrangements have been made to process new mail coming into the city at other buildings, Knapik said.

Minimal delays are expected.

"We're going to have to truck some things a little bit further, but that's not a big deal," Knapik said.

Cross-contamination?

- Mail that was in the Canada Post sorting facility when a powdery substance was found in a bin should be considered safe, London District Fire Chief Wayne Brown said.
- While crews haven't been able to determine exactly where the powder came from, there's no indication it touched packages being processed, Brown said.

Canada Post employees and firefighters huddle on the porch of a sorting facility at 951 Highbury Ave., Wednesday, after an unidentified white powder was discovered earlier in the day. The fire department's hazardous materials team was on the scene for about seven hours. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

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Road map for southwest 'gateway' closer to reality

Development. Plan sets policies, guidelines for managing growth in area focused on Wonderland Road South

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Building what's been billed as the western "gateway" got a boost Wednesday as city politicians endorsed a development plan for southwest London.

Making only a few tweaks to a staff proposal, planning committee members recommended approval of the road map outlining everything from commercial development to preserving natural areas.

It will be up for a final council vote on Tuesday.

A good portion of the plan focuses on the future of Wonderland Road South.

The plan proposed by city staff designated Wonderland between Southdale Road West and Exeter Road as an "enterprise corridor," mixing commercial space with residential and other development.

Committee members recommended extending the corridor south to Hamlyn Street — about 2,000 feet — on Wednesday, something that's expected to accelerate growth.

"We are talking millions of tax dollars, absolutely millions more," Mayor Joe Fontana said about the extension's impact.

Commercial space along the corridor would be capped at about 1.1 million square feet — accounting for about one-third of commercial land mapped out in the larger plan. No more than 215,000 square feet of office space would be allowed, a cap aimed at prompting more offices to open downtown.

No caps are planned for residential space.

Existing city plans call for expanding Wonderland to six lanes. In addition to that, the southwest plan maps out smaller streets running parallel to Wonderland and connecting the main road to adjacent neighbourhoods.

Acres

6,670

Size of area in acres included in Southwest Area Plan. It's bordered roughly by Southdale Road West, Dingman Creek, and Wellington Road South.

Gregg Barrett, the city's manager of land use planning, talks about a plan for managing growth in southwest London during a Wednesday meeting in council chambers. Planners have been developing the road map, scheduled for a final council vote Tuesday, for several years. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

'Non-official' languages decline in London: Census

Hannah Passi, left, and Laura Augustine enjoy a Latin American lunch Wednesday at Los Comales restaurant (346 Richmond St.). The two Londoners learned Spanish while living in Chile for over a decade. Outside of Canada's two official languages, Spanish is the most spoken language in the London area. ANDREW SERCOMBE/FOR METRO

The number of people speaking "non-official" languages in the metropolitan region of London has dropped, new census data shows.

English was identified as the mother tongue for 81.3 per cent of people in the census metropolitan area of London, Statistics Canada said Wednesday as it released new information on languages from the 2011 census. French, Canada's other official language, was cited by 1.4 per cent.

A total of 17.3 per cent of the population of metro London has a mother tongue other than one of Canada's official languages — that's a decrease from 17.8 per cent in the 2006 census.

According to the 2011 census, the top five non-official languages spoken in the metropolitan area of London: Spanish (two per cent); Arabic (1.8 per cent); Polish (1.4 per cent); Portuguese (1.3 per cent); and one of the Chinese languages (1.2 per cent). Five years ago, the census reported the top five other languages spoken were Spanish, Arabic, Polish, Portuguese, and Dutch.

Across Canada, a total of 57.8 per cent of the population spoke English, 21.7 per cent spoke French, and 20.6 per cent spoke other languages. The proportion of Canadians speaking one of the country's official languages has decreased over the years as the immigrant population has increased.

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'Mother tongue'

Statistics Canada defines "mother tongue" as the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood at the time the census was taken in May 2011. The census also documented languages spoken at home and knowledge of Canada's official languages.

Cultural pass

New Canadians get free access

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship unveiled its Cultural Access Pass in London on Tuesday. It provides the city's newest Canadians, and their children, with a year of free access to art shows, museums, and other cultural events. METRO

Prorogued legislature

Premier dismisses contempt motion

Premier Dalton McGuinty flatly denies he prorogued the Ontario legislature to avoid contempt motions and committee hearings into the cancelled gas plants in Oakville and Mississauga.

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Liberal leadership

Finance minister chooses not to run

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan has decided against running for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal party. Duncan says he won't make a bid to succeed Premier Dalton McGuinty and won't run for re-election.

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Post-traumatic injuries

Police need more help: Ombudsman

An Ontario watchdog says the government and Ontario Provincial Police are failing to help officers suffering from operational stress injuries — 23 active and returned OPP members have killed themselves since 1989. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SPEAKING IN SEVERAL TONGUES

2011 census reveals more Canadians are speaking at least two languages at home compared to 2006 numbers; Punjabi and Tagalog are surging, while French and aboriginal languages are on the decline

Bilingualism is surging in Canada, but not necessarily in the country's two official languages.

Statistics Canada released the last batch of data from the 2011 census on Wednesday, this time focusing on about 200 languages that make up the linguistic portrait of the country.

The data suggests that multiculturalism is not simply an abstract concept to describe a motley collection of diverse communities.

Rather, it is a reality for a growing number of families, even within the confines of their own homes.

The census shows that 17.5 per cent of the population — or 5.8 million individuals — speaks at least two languages at home. That's up from the 14.2 per cent of multilingual households counted in the 2006 census, and an increase of 1.3 million people.

Of those 5.8 million, most of them speak English plus an immigrant language such as Punjabi or Mandarin. Less than a quarter — 1,387,190, to be precise — are using both French and English at home.

And aboriginal languages are in outright decline, with usage shrinking 1.7 per cent since 2006 — a loss of 3,620 people despite a concerted effort by many First Nations to revive their culture and language.

"Yes, we see a diversity, but what we see clearly is ... we have all these transition phases where English and French are also spoken at home in addition to non-official languages," said Jean-Pierre Corbeil, the agency's lead analyst on the languages part of the census.

"This doesn't happen only outside Quebec but in Quebec as well."

Corbeil warned, however, that the data likely underestimates the increase in diversity over the past few years. That's because Statistics Canada had to change the way it collects language data after Prime Minister Stephen Harper scrapped the long-form census in 2010.

Wednesday's information came from the mandatory short form that went to every household in Canada. In the past, language was in the long form that went to 20 per cent of households, and was framed in a different context.

The 2011 census numbers suggest that language diversity has been increasing at just half the rate, as noted in the 2006 census, but data from Citizenship and Immigration Canada suggests the pace of change is at least the same, Corbeil said.

The census shows that the most common immigrant language in Canada was Punjabi. When Punjabi speakers are grouped together with others who speak a closely-related language, such as Urdu, their numbers total 1,180,000.

Tagalog, the language of Filipinos, saw the biggest surge, growing by 64 per cent since the last census was taken in 2006.

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Bojan Djuricic and his wife, Naomi Sutorius-Lavoie, read a Serbian book to their daughter, Mila Sutorius-Djuricic, in Toronto on Oct. 17. Djuricic will be taught to speak in English, French and Serbian. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

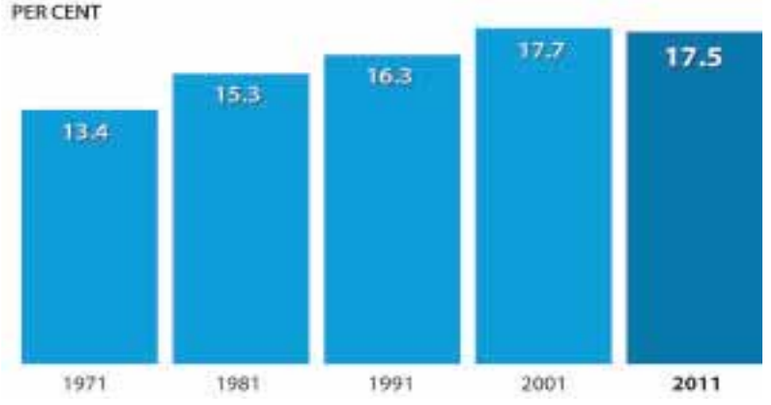
Census highlights

Selected highlights from Wednesday's Statistics Canada release of 2011 census data, focused on language:

- One in five Canadians — some 6.6 million people — reported speaking a language other than English or French at home; 191 distinct languages were among those identified as either a mother tongue or a home language.
- Nearly 10 million people said they could conduct a conversation in French, up from 9.6 million five years earlier; however, as a proportion of the population, those able to speak French slipped to 30.1 per cent, down from 30.7 per cent in 2006.
- The number of people who spoke Mandarin at home grew by almost 51 per cent from 2006 to 2011. Arabic grew by 47 per cent; Hindi by 44 per cent; the Creole languages by 42 per cent.
- In Toronto, Canada's most populous city, 1.8 million people — about 32.2 per cent of the population — reported speaking an immigrant language at home.
- 5.8 million people, about 17.5 per cent of the population, reported speaking at least two languages at home, up from 14.2 per cent in 2006.

BILINGUALISM RATES

A look at the proportion of Canadians who reported being able to conduct a conversation in both official languages:

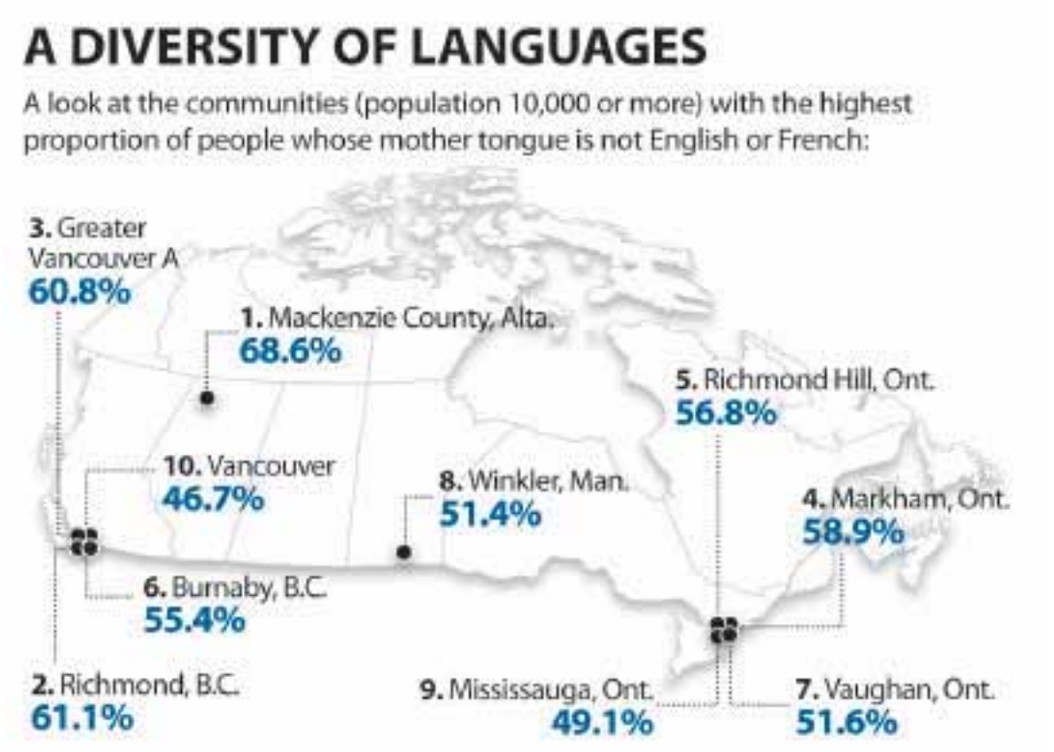


TOP IMMIGRANT LANGUAGES

A look at the top non-official languages spoken most often at home:

LANGUAGE	2011 POPULATION	% CHANGE FROM 2006
Punjabi	394,495	25.2
Chinese*	338,795	-6.6
Cantonese	328,855	3.0
Spanish	325,260	32.4
Tagalog	278,640	64.1
Arabic	270,155	46.8
Mandarin	226,065	50.4
Italian	184,175	-5.2
Urdu	164,650	28.8
German	158,035	12.6
Persian	144,010	32.5
Russian	128,675	27.3

*Refers to persons who reported 'Chinese' without specifying further


A DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES
A look at the communities (population 10,000 or more) with the highest proportion of people whose mother tongue is not English or French:
3. Greater Vancouver A 60.8%
1. Mackenzie County, Alta. 68.6%
5. Richmond Hill, Ont. 56.8%
10. Vancouver 46.7%
8. Winkler, Man. 51.4%
4. Markham, Ont. 58.9%
6. Burnaby, B.C. 55.4%
2. Richmond, B.C. 61.1%
9. Mississauga, Ont. 49.1%
7. Vaughan, Ont. 51.6%

Kelly Kim, left, Peter P. and Leon Song practise French and English at a language exchange at the Rivoli restaurant in Toronto on Oct. 10. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Multiculturalism on display in language-sharing groups

Not even the relentless throb of a hip-hop beat can drown out the sounds of a typical Tuesday night upstairs at Toronto's Rivoli nightclub.

The top floor of the bustling bar echoes each week with the staccato clack of German consonants, the melodic lilt of Japanese vowels and persistent peals of laughter as more than a hundred aspiring language students struggle to master their new tongues.

The students — from all walks of life and ranging in age from early 20s to late 70s — are members of Toronto Babel, an informal language exchange program that has been giving the city's international community a chance to speak in new and native tongues alike for the past three years.

The din of different languages is loudest in Toronto, where 1.8 million people reported speaking an immigrant language at home, according to fresh 2011 census numbers released Wednesday. Vancouver ranked a distant second with 711,515 people reporting an at-home preference for a language other than English or French, Statistics Canada reported.

Cantonese and Punjabi ranked highest on the list of languages in Toronto, along with other Chinese languages, Urdu, Tamil and Tagalog, which originates in the Philippines.

Eduardo Costa, 39, was recruited in the group's earliest days after advertising online to find an English conversation partner. The initial group of a dozen people quickly began to grow and Costa found the people he met there began to fill the void left by the friends and relatives he left behind in his home country of Brazil.

"When you immigrate, you lose your family, your friends are still there," he says. "This group became my first new family in Canada."

Smaller Babel groups have sprung up in Ottawa and Kitchener, Ont., Babel co-leader Anna Shalaginova said.

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En français

Immersion still sought after

Immersion options in Canada's second official language are broader than ever.

The original programs have been expanded to accommodate a wider range of students, while a new program specifically for kids of francophone families is now in high demand.

The idea has broad national appeal, according to figures from advocacy group Canadian Parents for French, which says more than 30 per cent of students in every province outside of Quebec were enrolled in some form of French-as-a-second-language program in the 2010-11 school year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

According to Statistics Canada ...

1 Up/down. More Canadians speaking French

A sign on the wall of Stephane Wild's restaurant in Winnipeg on Oct. 5. Nearly 10 million people reported being able to speak French in 2011, up slightly from 2006 but down as a proportion of the Canadian population. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 Fading out. Just a few native languages still going strong

A stop sign in Mohawk is seen on the Tyendinaga First Nation reserve east of Belleville, Ont., on Oct. 11. Of the more than 60 registered First Nation languages, only a relative handful — such as Cree, Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Dene — remain strong and viable. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 Climbing in numbers. Tagalog-speaking population growing

Nearly 279,000 people reported speaking Philippine-based Tagalog most often at home, compared with 170,000 in 2006, an increase of 64 per cent — the largest increase of all the reported languages. JEFF HODSON/METRO IN VANCOUVER

IMMIGRANT LANGUAGES BY CITY

The top non-official languages in Canada's largest metropolitan areas:

TORONTO	%	MONTREAL	%	VANCOUVER	%
Cantonese	8.8	Arabic	17.2	Punjabi	17.7
Punjabi	8.0	Spanish	15.2	Cantonese	16.0
Chinese*	7.0	Italian	8.1	Chinese*	12.2
Urdu	5.9	Chinese*	5.7	Mandarin	11.8
Tamil	5.7	Creole	5.4	Tagalog	6.7

CALGARY	%	EDMONTON	%	OTTAWA-GATINEAU	%
Punjabi	12.1	Tagalog	11.8	Arabic	20.4
Tagalog	10.4	Punjabi	10.9	Spanish	8.1
Chinese*	9.2	Chinese*	8.9	Chinese*	7.5
Spanish	7.9	Cantonese	6.8	Mandarin	4.4
Cantonese	7.4	Spanish	6.5	Somali	3.8

*Refers to persons who reported 'Chinese' without specifying further

OHL. Knights not about to take lowly Petes lightly

The Peterborough Petes are in dire straits.

They've lost nine of 11 games to start the season. And going into Wednesday night action, the Petes own not only the Ontario Hockey League's worst penalty kill, but also the third worst power play.

This has left the OHL's oldest continually operating franchise gasping for air.

Nevertheless, London Knights bench boss Dale Hunter — who was coaching the Washington Capitals during both of his club's victories over their inter-conference foes last year — isn't expecting a walkover when they travel to eastern Ontario to face the Petes on Thursday.

"Plymouth beat them 2-1, but it could have went either way," he said of Peterborough's last game. "They're playing better defensively, and they looked good."

Also while Dale was away in Washington, brother Mark Hunter managed to fleece now-former Petes general manager Dave Reid in a trade-deadline swap. The Knights snagged eventual playoff MVP Austin Watson and a fourth-rounder in 2016, in exchange for forward Chase Hatcher and a second-round pick in 2014.

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Head-to-head

The Knights visit the Petes on Thursday night. Here's how they stack up:

London: 3rd in Midwest Division (7-3-0-1)

- Coming off 4-2 win over Sudbury
- Leading scorer is Max Domi (19 points in 11 games)
- Goaltenders are Kevin Bailie (.929 save percentage) and Jake Patterson (.929)

Peterborough: 4th in East Division (2-6-2-1)

- Coming off 2-1 loss to Plymouth
- Leading scorer is Francis Menard (12 in 11)
- Goaltenders are Andrew D'Agostini (.901) and Michael Giugovaz (.895)

DEBRA Canada

Fundraiser at CHE

From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, DEBRA Canada is putting on a fashion show in support of its various initiatives.

The event, called Butterflies on the Catwalk, will be held at Che Resto Bar (225 Dundas St.) in London.

DEBRA Canada is a non-profit charity whose mission is to actively support people with epidermolysis bullosa. METRO

On the road home

Aspiring Dorothy short of Oz

London's Cassandra Hodgins, 17, was eliminated Monday night from CBC's Over the Rainbow. Four girls are now left competing to win the role of Dorothy.

Hodgins tweeted Monday after the show, "Thank you everyone! I love you all so much, and I'm hoping this is only a beginning for me. London, IM COMING HOME BABY!!!" METRO

Lightning in it to win it

Jamar Abrams of the London Lightning is introduced to the fans and media Wednesday afternoon at a news conference at Covent Garden Market. The Lightning, fresh off a championship season last year, open their pre-season Thursday at 7 p.m. at Budweiser Gardens against the Windsor Express.

ANDREW SERCOMBE/FOR METRO

Will victory strike twice? Coach predicts London squad to repeat as NBL champions

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The London Lightning have set their sights on a second NBL championship. Coach Micheal Ray Richardson was not shy Wednesday about how he felt this year's team would fare against the competition.

"The goal is to win a championship," Richardson said. "We are going to do just that. I wouldn't be here if I didn't think it was possible to win it all."

Preparing for their first pre-season game against Windsor, Richardson believes a strong training camp these past few weeks has equipped his team to win.

"I am really happy with this year's team. We are more athletic, and we will be able to get up and down the court better," he said. "If we stay healthy, and really focus on winning our home games, we will go a long way."

Making the team out of camp this year is new six-foot-three guard Josh Whyte. A native of Calgary, Whyte was named CIS MVP in 2010 while playing for the University of British Columbia. Last year after graduating from UBC, Whyte played for his hometown Calgary Crush of the American Basketball Association. This year, he hopes to find a new home with the Lightning.

"The level of competition is a step up here playing professional basketball," said Whyte. "The first week of training camp was intense, but the team is much more structured than anything I've been used to, and that will be beneficial to me. It will keep me focused."

The team begins pre-season Thursday against the Windsor Express at Bud Gardens. The Lightning open their regular season at home Saturday, Nov. 3, against the Halifax Rainmen.

"Coach has been vocal with what the goal is this year, and that is to win a championship," said Whyte. "This year is a new group of guys, but we still have that one common goal."

Josh Whyte

Micheal Ray Richardson

The players

The Lightning introduced their 13-man roster Wednesday:

- **Josh Whyte,** 6-3, guard
- **Deanthony Bowden,** 6-1, guard
- **Elvin Mims,** 6-5, forward
- **Tyler Murray,** 6-5, guard
- **Gabe Freeman,** 6-6, forward
- **Adrian Moss,** 5-9, point guard
- **Dane Smith,** 6-3, guard
- **Jamar Abrams,** 6-6, swingman
- **Morgan Lewis,** 6-4, forward
- **Tim Ellis,** 6-4, guard
- **Rodney Buford,** 6-3, guard
- **Jeremy Williams,** 6-7, small forward
- **Deandre Thomas,** 6-8, centre

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Again! Comments on rape trip up one more Republican

Women shocked.
A victim's pregnancy is 'something God intended,' says Indiana candidate

Richard Mourdock, right, and Mitt Romney campaigned together in Indiana in August. Now Romney has distanced himself from Mourdock's comments about rape and pregnancy. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Another Republican running for the U.S. Senate has sparked outrage with comments about rape.

Richard Mourdock told a live television audience that when a woman becomes pregnant during a rape, it's "something God intended."

Mourdock, an Indiana Senate candidate, was asked during a debate Tuesday whether abortion should be allowed in cases of rape or incest.

"I struggled with it myself for a long time, but I came to realize that life is that gift from God," Mourdock said.

"And, I think, even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen."

Women voters are key to this year's presidential race, and Republican challenger Mitt Romney has been drawn into this latest issue.

Romney campaign spokesperson Andrea Saul said Romney disagrees with Mourdock's opposition to abortion in cases of rape and incest, but she said Romney still supports Mourdock's Senate bid.

In August, Missouri Senate candidate Todd Akin caused an uproar when he said women's bodies have ways of preventing pregnancy in cases of what he called "legitimate rape." Akin has repeatedly apologized.

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Mystery. Is human head linked to body in ditch?

A human head was found Wednesday in an Edmonton alley.

Police are trying to find out if it belongs to a body found in a rural area east of the city on the weekend.

A source said a woman discovered the head in the early morning.

Jesse Whitnack, a 30-year-old computer tech who lives in an apartment at the end of the alley, watched police from his balcony and zoomed in with his camera.

He said the head was on the ground.

He could see hair, but he couldn't tell if it belonged to a man or a woman.

Police took the head away in a brown paper bag, he said.

RCMP are working with city police to determine whether the head is linked to remains found in a ditch near Ranfurly, about 120 kilometres east of Edmonton.

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Killing. Shots ring out at church prayer service

A volunteer leading a prayer service at a Georgia megachurch was shot and killed Wednesday.

A former church employee was taken into custody hours later.

The shots were fired just before 10 a.m. inside a chapel on the campus of World Changers Church International, which says it has 30,000 followers in College Park, a suburb south of Atlanta.

Authorities identified the suspect as Floyd Palmer, in his early 50s, a former facilities maintenance employee at the church.

About 20 to 25 people were in the chapel when he gunman walked in and began shooting, authorities say.

No other people were wounded and the gunman fled in a black Subaru station wagon with tinted windows.

The victim was identified as Gregory McDowell, a 39-year-old church volunteer.

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Pessimism in Syria

A man injured by an artillery shell in Aleppo, Syria, is rushed to hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mediator's weekend truce plan appears doomed to fail

An international mediator told the United Nations Security Council on Wednesday he hopes a four-day holiday truce can take hold in Syria this weekend.

Lakhdar Brahimi warned that another failure will worsen the fighting and increasingly threaten neighbouring countries.

Yet even this modest effort appears doomed to fail.

Brahimi, the UN-Arab League envoy, said the Syrian regime and some rebel groups promised to lay down their arms during the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, which begins Friday.

But President Bashar Assad's regime denied Wednesday it had committed to the plan.

A radical Islamist group fighting alongside the rebels said it won't comply. Other rebels dismissed the idea as irrelevant.

Brahimi hopes a truce will allow humanitarian aid to reach war-stricken areas, said a UN diplomat.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the 19-month-old conflict crossed the threshold of 35,000, activists said, and more violence was reported across the country.

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Feds accused as judge OKs teen's inquest

An inquest into the prison death of a deeply troubled teenager will be able to proceed.

A judge on Wednesday rejected the federal government's last-ditch request for an emergency stay.

The decision came amid assertions prison authorities were simply trying to cover up the horrific treatment meted out to Ashley Smith that was captured on video.

The videos at issue show, among other things, guards duct-taping Smith to an airplane seat, and forcibly injecting her with "chemical restraints" against her will.

Quoted

"What is happening today is essentially bullying."

Allison Thornton, lawyer for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, talking about government tactics.

Divisional Court Justice Joan Lax said in Toronto the motion for stay is dismissed.

Correctional Service Canada asked for the emergency halt to the much-delayed inquest to give it time to get the courts to review a ruling by the presiding coroner that the videos should be public.

Lawyer Julian Falconer, who speaks for Smith's family, accused the government of trying to put a lid on videos that document some of the abuse she suffered.

"I insist on Correctional Services being called an abuser," Julian Falconer told Lax.

Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., choked to death in her cell in Kitchener as guards looked on.

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A video frame-grab used as court evidence in which it appears prison guards are doing a search of a pinned-down Ashley Smith. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Hurricane Sandy sparks a race to safety

As waves crash in a seafront neighbourhood of Kingston, Jamaica, on Wednesday, residents race from their home to escape the wrath of Hurricane Sandy. It pounded the city with heavy rain as it headed to Cuba — and possibly Florida. COLLIN REID/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Competition

EU says Microsoft broke agreement over browsers

The European Union's executive arm formally accused Microsoft on Wednesday of failing to comply with a binding agreement to give customers a choice among Internet browsers.

Microsoft apologized and said the matter was the "result of a technical error." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mobile ad growth

At last, good news for Facebook stock

Facebook shares posted their biggest single-day gain Wednesday since going public in May, jumping 19 per cent to close at $23.23 US after the social media company made inroads in mobile advertising and posted accelerating growth in overall ad revenue.

It's been a rough five months since the social network's initial public stock offering, and it's too early to tell whether investors' optimism is here to stay.

But on Wednesday they latched on to clear signs of growth in the company's third-quarter earnings report. Several analysts upgraded the stock.

Facebook on Tuesday also gave details for the first time on how much money it made from mobile ads. This has been a concern since before its IPO. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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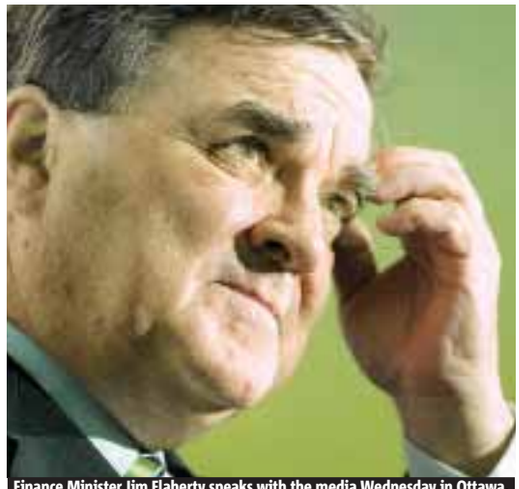

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty speaks with the media Wednesday in Ottawa. He announced that the federal government will more closely regulate the prepaid credit card market. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds crack down on prepaid plastic

New regulations.
Card issuers will have to be transparent about fees and conditions

Ottawa is stepping in with new rules for the largely unregulated prepaid credit card market.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced Wednesday that in the future, issuers of prepaid cards will not be able to impose expiry dates and must be up front about hidden fees and conditions.

The move is part of the government's expanding code of conduct measures to govern credit and debit transactions, that had previously not applied to the relatively new prepaid market.

"We have done a lot of regulation with respect to debit and credit cards. We haven't done much with respect to prepaid cards," Flaherty said.

While still a small segment of the market, prepaid plastic has become an option for consumers without conventional credit or debit cards, young adults, and for parents who want to introduce their children to using credit while limiting the risk of theft and over-spending.

But the sector has also faced criticism for exorbitant hidden fees that reduced their face value and fooled customers. These can include monthly or annual fees, maintenance costs, as well as ATM charges.

"In our view, it was inappropriate for financial institutions to have cards go dormant. For example, people would get cards as gifts for their birthdays or whatever, not realize that the $200 on the card would expire over a certain period of time," Flaherty said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"In our view, it was inappropriate for financial institutions to have cards go dormant."
Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

UBC study. Summer babies have tough crawl to the top

Do you have a summer birthday? It could be a speed bump on the way to the corner office.

A new study from the University of British Columbia's business school finds that summer babies are less likely to be CEOs.

Researchers at the Sauder School of Business checked out the birth dates of 375 chief executive officers from S&P 500 companies between 1992 and 2009. They found that only about six per cent were born in June or July.

By contrast, people born in March and April represented more than 12 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, of the sample.

It seems that summer babies have a tougher crawl to the top because of what researchers call the "birthdate effect." That refers to the way children are grouped by age in school.

In the U.S, cut-off dates for school admission fall between September and January. Levi and his team determined that those CEOs in the sample born between June and July were typically the youngest in their class. Those born in March and April were the oldest. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

KEEPING UP WITH BLOODSUCKING VERMIN

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
metronews.ca

Don't be alarmed, but this column may be covered in bedbugs.

I'm not entirely sure if bedbugs have infiltrated my apartment, but I was bitten by SOMETHING recently, so like all chewed-on city dwellers I've been panicked that it could be the little bloodsuckers.

That means if you've touched this column, you should freeze it, steam it, fumigate it, poison it, microwave it, Holy Water it, and simmer it in a white wine sauce for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Even then, that will only stun the little bug(ger)s, because they're the insect equivalent of The Incredible Hulk.

Once nearly eradicated, bedbugs have made a comeback worthy of a B-list actor in a Tarantino flick.

And they're everywhere.

Online bedbug registries for pre-screening apartments and hotels are useless, because all you learn is that bedbugs are omnipresent — like the body snatchers — and there's nothing us foolish humans can do about it. (Pro tip: If a bedbug rates a location as eight out of 10 or higher and is raving about the buffet, steer clear.)

Bedbugs are filling their ick quotient so well that I looked at the welts on my arm and hoped they were from something pleasant, like a spider. If an exterminator looked at my skin and said, "Actually, that's from a wolf" I'd say, "Oh, thank goodness. Do we spray for that?"

There is hope, however. I've been reading up on bedbugs, as one does when you swear you can feel them on your skin at every waking moment. They can be fought, but you need to know your enemy, so here are some myths about the creatures and the reality behind it. Happy hunting!

- **Myth #1:** Bedbugs are invisible.
  Reality: Bedbugs are seldom seen because they only come out at night. They are actually several feet long and live in your closet. Telltale signs include a viscous trail of slime and opened canisters of Pringles.
- **Myth #2:** Bedbugs are a sign of uncleanliness.
  Reality: Bedbugs can live anywhere from the poorest, most squalid apartment to the cleanest hairpiece on the richest Trump. Bedbugs are attracted not to dirt, but sin, which is why they live in your bed. They will migrate to the living room immediately if you turn on the Kardashians.
- **Myth #3:** Bedbug bites come in threes.
  Reality: Bedbugs know you know this, so they sometimes throw in a fourth bite and scurry off, giggling.
- **Myth #4:** You need an exterminator to get rid of bedbugs.
  Reality: All you need for a successful bedbug kill is a shoe. Beat until you see telltale black and blue markings. They'll still be alive at that point, but they'll know who's boss. A Nike shoe will doubly impress them with your alpha-ness, especially later that night when they're nibbling on your earlobe.

And now you know.

Sleep tight!

Bedbug-detecting dog Barney signals which jar contains bedbugs. But don't wait for Barney to tell you that you've got bedbugs — grab a shoe and start swinging.
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Psy, this is UN Style

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South Korea connection

UN boss horses around with Psy

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon got some dance lessons from compatriot South Korean pop sensation Psy.

On a visit to the United Nations in New York Wednesday, the rapper, born Park Jae-sang, attempted to teach the world's top diplomat the invisible horse trot dance from his global viral hit Gangnam Style.

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UN chief's viewpoint

"I'm a bit jealous. Until two days ago someone told me I am the most famous Korean in the world. Now I have to relinquish. I have no regrets."

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on his countryman Psy

Singer's viewpoint

"To be here and he knows me, even the fact that he knows me is so touching right now and he's saying he saw my video, he counted my video views."

South Korean rapper Psy on meeting the head of the UN

Gangnam engages

Why Ban wanted to meet Psy

Ban's spokesperson Martin Nesirky told reporters that while the secretary general deals with issues such as Syria, he also considers it important to engage different parts of society.

"He firmly believes music has great power, particularly in helping to overcome intolerance," he said. "It helps to reach out to audiences in a way that many other forms of culture cannot do." METRO

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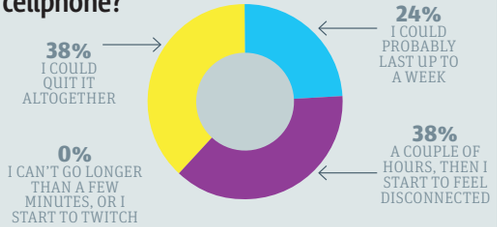
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‘Long time coming’: The Allens to release first full-length album

The Allens play Aeolian Hall Saturday night, marking the exclusive London release of the band’s debut self-titled album. AMANDA GRANT/FOR METRO

Self-titled release.
Ron Sexsmith lends a hand in debut effort

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It started almost two years ago. Local alt-country band The Allens had a new line-up and an opening spot performing at Call the Office with Toronto’s The Beauties.

The band made an impression.

Now, The Allens are set to release their first full-length album Saturday at Aeolian Hall. The Beauties’ drummer Derek Downham, who is also the album’s producer, will be joining them on stage.

“This has been a long time coming,” said Brent Hebert, The Allens’ drummer. “We’ve spent so much time working on this album it’ll be great to get it out and start getting some feedback.”

The band recorded the self-titled album in Toronto this past winter with John Dinsmore at the Lincoln County Social Club studio, known for turning out albums by Kathleen Edwards and The Wooden Sky.

Quoted

“He’s such a humble person, which is surprising considering all he has accomplished.”

Brent Hebert, drummer for The Allens, on working with Ron Sexsmith.

The debut album highlights the band’s strengths: Country guitar riffs, close harmonies, and rockabilly momentum. It also features some Canadian star power — Ron Sexsmith provides guest vocals on a track.

“As soon as he walked into the studio, he went straight for the piano and you couldn’t keep an instrument away from him,” said Hebert of recording with Sexsmith. “He’s such a humble person, which is surprising considering all he has accomplished.”

“We’ve taken every possible step to be prepared for this show,” said Mary Kate Smith, The Allens’ lead female vocalist who shares the mic with frontman Mack Edwards. “We’re just anxious to get up there and have a good time.” The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance, $10 for students, available at Grooves, The Village Idiot and the Aeolian Hall box office.

Halloween Spirit

Friday night, Museum London opens its doors for its annual Halloween party. Devil’s Night at the Museum features live performances by local bands Wild Domestic and The Betty’s, as well as DJs keeping the crowd moving late into the night.

Gallery tours will run throughout the evening and horror movies will be screening in the museum’s theatre. If that doesn’t convince you, the night also boasts a fully stocked candy bar.

Tickets for Devil’s Night are available online at eventbrite.com as well as at the door for $15. The festivities begin at 8 p.m. and costumes are encouraged.

Endless Art

Local artist Jamie Q celebrates the launch of her book The Possibilities are Endless on Friday night at the Forest City Gallery. The book, which features illustrations and symbols telling a unique visual story, was published through the McIntosh Gallery at Western. The book launch is free and runs from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Moviegoers to get treated to some ear candy

New sound technology. Dolby's fresh system will make Peter Jackson's next film a sight to be heard

Middle-earth will sound more realistic in The Hobbit.

Dolby Laboratories Inc. and director Peter Jackson's Park Road Post Production announced Wednesday that The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey will be mixed and released in Dolby Atmos, the company's immersive new sound system that features two extra arrays of overhead speakers and the ability to direct sounds to individual speakers inside movie theatres.

"(Jackson) felt it was going to make a big difference in how he tells stories," said Stuart Bowling, Dolby's senior technical marketing manager. "He doesn't want people to just go and observe his movies. He wants you to feel like you're part of the experience of the stories that's he's trying to tell on the screen and allow you to be part of Middle-earth."

The director of the Oscar-winning The Lord of the Rings films adapted J.R.R. Tolkien's tale of Bilbo Baggins, set in the fictional realm of Middle-earth 60 years before The Lord of the Rings. Besides the standard 2D format, Warner Bros. Pictures and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures are releasing the series in high-frame-rate 3D, IMAX and other 3D formats.

Bowling said Dolby's goal is to have the Atmos platform installed in 80 to 100 theatres in time for The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, which is scheduled to premiere on Dec. 14.

Bowling said the company expects more than 15 films to be released in Atmos next year and hoped to have the system in 1,000 theatres by the end of next year.

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Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Linsday Lohan struggling with political choices

Amid all the confusion currently engulfing Lindsay Lohan's personal life, at least the world knew where the troubled actress stood politically — until now. Lohan had previously endorsed Mitt Romney in the U.S. presidential election because "employment is really important right now," according to E! News.

But while live-tweeting the last presidential debate earlier this week, Lohan voiced her support for President Barack Obama by re-tweeting a post from the president's campaign saying she was "proud of Obama."

The tweet was soon deleted, though, so maybe she is on Team Romney after all.

It sounds like the debates were rough on the actress, in any event.

"I'm so relieved that it's over. Maybe more than both of (the candidates). Severe anxiety."

Quote

"I'm so relieved that it's over. Maybe more than both of (the candidates.) Severe anxiety"

Lindsay Lohan
Tweeting about the election debate

The Word

Joe Simpson coming out of Jessica's stylish closet?

THE WORD
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Looks like Ashlee and Jessica Simpson are going to have a lot to talk about around the Thanksgiving dinner table.

First up? Their mother, Tina Simpson, filed for divorce from their father, Joe Simpson, after 34 years of marriage last month.

"It is an amicable split and there is no third party involved," a rep for the family says. "Any other related allegations are completely false. The family appreciates your respect for their privacy at this time."

The allegations they refer to? Well, the National Enquirer is reporting that their father, Joe Simpson, has come out of the closet.

According to the tabloid, Simpson has a 20-year-old boyfriend, who was reportedly in the car with the former youth pastor and Baptist minister when he was busted for a DUI on Aug. 4.

I'll give you a second to let that sink in. Got it together? Good. The National Enquirer even has a source from the family.

"The police report stated that there was someone else in the car with Joe. Some reports have stated it was Tina, but now the belief is that it may well have been a boyfriend."

Of course, there is a good chance this might not be true. After all, if Jessica Simpson's father were gay, don't you think her shoe line would be a little more fierce?

Emma Watson

Emma Watson returning to school

Emma Watson is going back to school. After enrolling in Brown University in the fall of 2009, the British actress took a leave of absence from the Ivy League school in March 2011.

"I love Brown and I love studying pretty much more than anything, but recently I've had so much to juggle that being a student and fulfilling my other commitments has become a little impossible," Watson wrote on her blog at the time.

She then spent her junior year abroad, studying at Oxford University, before delaying her return to Brown once again to film a number of projects this summer and fall. But her rep assures Gossip Cop that she will be back on campus for 2013.

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DAJANA

In the two and a half years since we last spoke to model Dajana, the 20-year-old has achieved more than many in her profession will hope to in their entire career. Back from Europe to her hometown of Toronto to take on World Mastercard Fashion Week , the five-foot-11 beauty chats with Metro's Elizabeth Beddall about mayhem, McQueen and one major piece of swag

WALKING THE WORLD

So Dajana, what's your schedule been like today?
Woke up at 10 a.m., rehearsal at 1 p.m. for the Pink Tartan show, an appointment at 3:30 p.m. to get my hair and eyebrows done, hair and makeup call at 6 p.m. and show's at 8 p.m.

So a bit of a crazy day for you?
No, actually (laughs). Compared to the other cities, Toronto is very calm and relaxing. In Paris, casting would start anywhere from 7 a.m. onward. I had to learn the metro system, I would be running around all day, all night. There's no such thing as walking! And you're always late. Running from castings to fittings to go-sees until all hours of the night.

So up until this past September, you had modelled only locally so that you could finish high school. What are your thoughts now that you've graduated and gone international?
Now that I've got the ball rolling, I'm not going to stop. Going back to school is a future plan. I want to be a film director, but maybe in a couple of years. I want to see where modelling is going to take me. My next trip is to New York for campaign season.

How does your family feel about all this travelling?
They've been so supportive. If it wasn't for my family I don't know where I'd be ... and Elmer of course.

Elmer Olsen is the agent who discovered you. Can you tell me a little bit about how that happened?
I was shopping in the Eaton Centre with my friend. I heard footsteps behind me, really hard footsteps. I see out of the corner of my eye a tall, white-haired man. I see him running after me. I start to walk faster. He taps me on my shoulder and says, 'Excuse me, are you a model?' I replied no. The reason being — I always wanted to be a model since I was two-feet high. I went to an open call in Grade 10 and I got rejected. After that meeting, I hated everything fashion. So when Elmer scouted me, I didn't want to hear it.

So what changed your mind?
He convinced the friend I was with to help him find me again. She told him where I went to school and he asked one of his former models (who happened to go to my high school) to reach out to me. She did. It means a lot for an agent to go that distance. He claims it was 17 days, four hours later that I called him. He wasn't counting the days, he says.

So on your very first go in Europe, you opened for Roland Mouret, landed an exclusive booking with Jil Sander SS13 and walked for Alexander McQueen. What made you stand out from the crowds of girls that are seen?
I don't know, but I know what the casting directors say: My sense of humour. Fifty per cent of a job is personality. If you get along with your photographer, your stylist, that job can be really fun and it can go by really quickly.

Tell us about waiting backstage to hit the runway at the McQueen show?
I think I was the only model freaking out. They have experienced girls in the shows. Very few of us were brand new.

And when it was over?
At the end of the show, I thought, 'Am I dreaming?'. That was my goal.

My first season? It was so surreal.

And I heard you got a little surprise along the way?
When I was having a fitting and the people at Alexander McQueen said they had a gift for me. (Points to her black smooth calf leather Heroine bag.) I was searching for a bag, too.

So now that you're constantly on the runway, do you have a little something you say to yourself each time you walk out?
Don't fall! (Laughs.) Don't fall. It would be so embarrassing, but you know what? It happens all the time. You just have to get up and keep on walking.

From real world to world runways

Blast from the past...

"The best thing that's happened so far is N.Y. Fashion Week. I'd like to do Paris and Milan..."

Dajana quoted in a Metro feature, published March 29, 2010

An incredible Alexander McQueen oufit worn by Dajana. PROVIDED

Dajana walks for Jil Sander in Milan. PROVIDED

Dajana opens the Roland Mouret show in Paris. PROVIDED

Dajana smooches a McQueen bag that the design house gifted her for doing their show. PROVIDED

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Vancouver

Jane Espiritu

Editorial assistant at MTV Fora

Age: 20

What she's wearing
Blazer, collared blouse, trousers and bag by Club Monaco; pullover vest by J Crew; vintage watch by American Apparel; thrift store shoes

Her inspiration
"Laid-back, business casual look."

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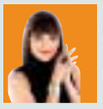

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Guilt-free brownies — no, seriously

Boasting sugar alternatives, these cocoa-nut Brownies from The Joy of Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free Baking by Peter Reinhart and Denene Wallace make a great treat.

Ingredients

- 2 cups (8 oz) pecan flour
- 1 cup (4 oz) almond flour
- 2 cups Splenda or Stevia Extract in the Raw, or 1/2 cup New Roots Stevia Sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces) unsweetened natural cocoa powder (not Dutch-process)
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup unsweetened chocolate soy milk or chocolate almond milk
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) salted butter or margarine, melted
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp liquid Stevia

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper, then mist it with cooking spray.

2. In a medium bowl, combine the pecan flour, almond flour, Splenda or other sweetener, cocoa powder and baking powder. Whisk until well mixed.

3. In large bowl, whisk the eggs, soy milk, butter, vanilla and liquid Stevia until thoroughly blended. Add the flour mixture and whisk or stir with a large spoon until all of the ingredients are evenly incorporated to make a smooth, sticky batter. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan, spreading it in an even layer.

4. Bake for 15 minutes, then rotate and bake for another 10 minutes, or until the brownies are just slightly springy but still jiggly when pressed gently at the centre. If you like fudgy brownies, remove them from the oven at this point. If you prefer them to be more cake-like, continue baking for a few more minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the middle of the brownies comes out clean.

5. Let the brownies cool in the pan for at least 15 minutes. You can either cut the brownies in the pan, or transfer the whole piece to a cutting board before cutting. Cut them in a 3-by-4 grid to yield 12 brownies.

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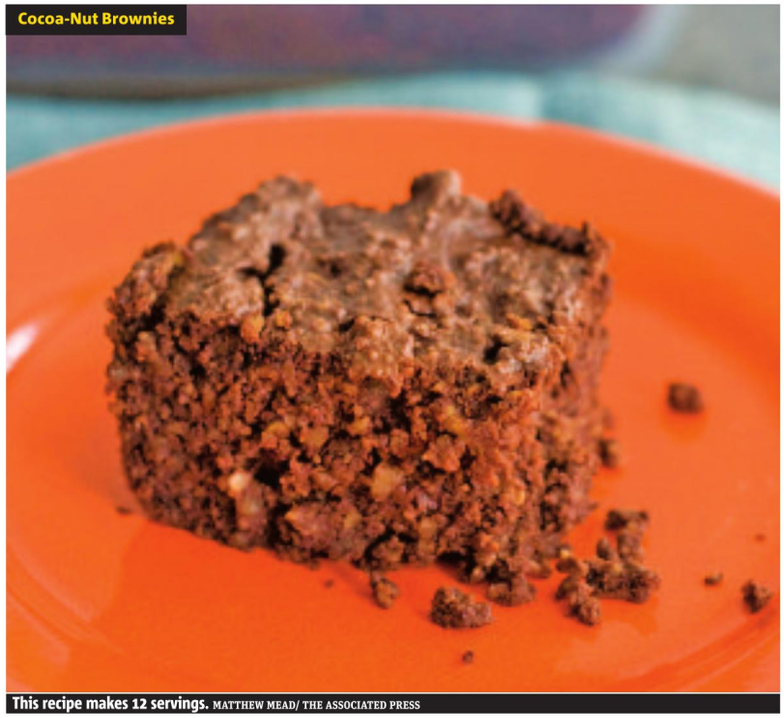
Cocoa-Nut Brownies



This recipe makes 12 servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cookbook of the week

All the yum, none of the regret

After more than two decades of research into gluten-free baking, legendary bread maker Peter Reinhart and his baking partner Denene Wallace have released a collection of 80 recipes for breads, pastries, cookies, cakes and more.

The Joy of Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free Baking also allows readers to make the recipes vegan friendly by following dairy and egg substitution guidelines.

Recipes include: banana bread, garlic breadsticks, blueberry-hazelnut muffins, carrot cake with cream cheese frosting and more.

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Helping a living room grow up

I live alone in an apartment that I rent. My living room is a good size (12-by-16) and I get nice sun light. I want to redecorate, and I am sick of seeing my oversized brown couch. I don't want my small apartment to look small and want it to feel more grown up.
-Sandra, Montreal

DESIGN CENTRE
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Find a few things in the room that you love and build the room around them.

The rug, for instance, is a classic, and although pink, Persian-style rugs are not the biggest rage at this time, your quality rug can stay in the room as long as you build around the colours and classic style. I have chosen a palette of greys and pinks to play off the carpet and give the room a sophisticated, feminine look.

The first thing to do is to get your furniture ordered, which will often take a few weeks. This will give you time to clear out the living room and paint the walls. Wait until the furniture is in place before deciding on lighting, artwork and small accessories. This will give you a better idea as to what is needed.

Designer touches

- Hang a large mirror over your new sofa to bounce light into the room.
- Add dark grey drapery panels on each side of the window to soften the room.
- Choose a medium-wood tone for picture framing in the room to tie in the floors and furnishings.
- Add decorative cushions — patterned ones on the plain sofa and plain ones on the patterned chairs.

Before

Sandra's living room needed to grow up in terms of style and decor.

Paint

The simplest way to change the look of the room is to add colour to the walls. I suggest a deep pink brick colour. This will help tie in the Persian-style rug that is currently in the room. Lip Gloss, Benjamin Moore.

New sofa, $2,100

I suggest a foggy blue/grey coloured sofa to help cool down the room and give it a sophisticated feel. Tailor Sofa, Crate & Barrel.

TV stand, $600

A sleek media centre will be a better option than the crate that currently holds the television. Demio Media Shelf, Structube.

Side chairs, $600

Purchase two upholstered side chairs and place them in front of the window, separated with a small side table. RUSS Chair, Urban Barn.

Storage, $650

Ground the entrance wall with a stylish wardrobe to keep coats, shoes and sports equipment hidden away. PAX Wardrobe, Ikea.

A green alternative to water heating

Is a solar thermal system a good way to heat our household water?
-Karl, Mississauga, Ont

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Hot water is the second largest draw on household energy — right after space heating — and represents about 30 per cent of total energy use in our homes. So you are right to be turning to the sun for green alternatives.

Solar thermal systems convert sunlight into heat for household water through solar collectors mounted on roofs. Water, or a water and antifreeze solution, carries heat from the collectors and pumps it through a heat exchanger to warm water for a hot-water storage tank. From there, it's ready for your bath and home.

A typical system requires about six square metres of sloped, south-facing roof, with minimal shading from nearby trees and buildings. An abundance of sunny weather is not a prerequisite. Solar energy comes from the light generated by the sun — not just from direct sunlight — so even on cloudy days the sun can generate enough energy for up to 60 per cent of domestic hot-water needs.

Although solar thermal systems aren't cheap to install, the savings associated with reduced dependency on fossil fuels may well offset your long-term costs. This is especially true of systems installed for summer use — like those for pools or cabins — where costly freeze protection packages aren't required.

A solar heating system will also add value to your home. Municipal and provincial governments are in various stages of approving legislation requiring new homes to be "solar ready." It will bolster your credibility with your green neighbours and earn a great big thumbs-up from me.

Once you've done a little research to determine if your municipality or local utility company has rules or rebates that pertain to solar heating, the next step towards installing a system is to contact a solar company and request a free assessment.

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Big Bird meets Gangnam

Costumes. Some of the hottest outfits this Halloween season are inspired from pop culture

HEATHER BUCHAN
For Metro

Popular costumes for adults this year include Big Bird, and South Korean pop star Psy, below. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

The final countdown to Halloween has begun and the hot topic amongst kids and adults alike across the country is what to dress up as for Fright Night 2012.

It seems that every year there is more and more variety available. What you choose simply depends on budget, taste and time.

Here are some of this year's hottest costumes for people of all ages:

Depending on a child's age, costumes are more about fun than fright, with many toddlers wobbling around in cutesy, rather than scary, attire that's sure to elicit some ghoulish giggles.

For preschoolers, the most popular costumes year after year include animals (puppy dogs, turtles, cats, horses, bunnies and cows reign supreme) as well as firefighters, bees and, interestingly, hotdogs.

While traditionally spooky costumes like ghosts, ghouls, goblins and witches are classic go-to's every year, increasingly, popular culture influences the costume decisions of teens and adults for Halloween parties.

At Candy's Costume Shop on Mount Pleasant Road in Toronto, Dorothy costumes have already sold out, a trend staff attribute to the reality TV singing competition Over The Rainbow.

Other popular teen and adult costumes that experts predict will be out and about in abundance include Lady Gaga (her eccentric wardrobe provides endless outrageous costume options), South Korean pop star Psy, whose pop song Gangnam Style, complete with invisible horse dance moves, went viral on the Internet, and Big Bird (thanks to U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney's name-dropping of the beloved Sesame Street character during the first presidential debate). According to ABC News, Big Bird costumes are flying off the shelves at U.S. costume shops.

Year after year, the most popular costumes for boys are of the superhero variety, and this year, the impact of the Twilight franchise on tweens and teens alike cannot be overstated. So you can expect to see boys and girls alike dressed as vampires and werewolves this year. Superhero costumes, including Batman and Captain America, both influenced by the mega-popular films, will also be plentiful.

Transylvanian vampire costume, far left, and Dorothy costume, $32.93 each at Walmart.

While in days past, many young girls donned princess costumes to do their trick-or-treating in, this year, staff at Candy's have seen more young girls opting for vampire and ghoul costumes. And thanks to the recent Little Red Riding Hood and Snow White-based movies, there is expected to be a resurgence of both fairy tale characters this year as well.

Given all the costume options, Halloween 2012 is sure to be spooktacular.

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Lockout. Darkness falls on NHL labour talks

The NHL's labour talks have entered a dark period. When that will lift is anyone's guess.

Rather than working towards progress on a new collective bargaining agreement in the coming days, the league is expected to start making grim announcements that will be all-too-familiar to fans who lived through the 2004-05 lockout.

It's a virtual certainty that a full 1,230-game schedule won't be played, with commissioner Gary Bettman acknowledging Wednesday that "it looks like an 82-game season (for each team) is not going to be a reality."

Gary Bettman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Doping fallout

Armstrong marathon results could be purged

Lance Armstrong's results erased from the record books will likely include his 868th-place finish at the 2006 New York City Marathon.

Marathon organizer New York Road Runners said in a statement on Wednesday it expected to wipe out his times once any potential appeals play out, since the race follows USADA rulings.

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NHL. Blue Jackets bring in veteran exec Davidson

Unlike many people in hockey, John Davidson wasn't afraid of the losing tradition of the Columbus Blue Jackets.on.

"I like the idea of the challenge. I mean, it's possible. In fact, it's something we're going to do," Davidson said Wednesday after being hired as the Blue Jackets' new president of hockey operations.

The former player, Hall of Fame broadcaster and St. Louis Blues president believes he can transform a franchise with just one, brief trip to the post-season into a Stanley Cup contender.

Quoted

"We'll win our share. As we move along here, we'll win more than our share." John Davidson, new president of hockey operations for the Columbus Blue Jackets

Davidson will take over a new position. The former president, Mike Priest, will now concentrate only on the business side of a team that had the worst record in the NHL last season (29-46-7, 65 points).

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Kadri gets kudos from coach

AHL. Marlies forward says it has taken time to wrap his head around the level of commitment needed on year-round basis

Quoted

"I feel a lot better. Once pucks start going in net for me, I think the results are going to come."
Toronto Marlies' Nazem Kadri

It wasn't that long ago that Marlies coach Dallas Eakins had some fairly harsh criticism of Nazem Kadri and his unacceptable levels of body fat.

Now, just a few weeks into the AHL season, the coach heaped praise upon the 2009 first-round draft pick for his fitness training.

"He has been excellent over the last three weeks or so," Eakins said of Kadri, a former London Knight. "I wanted him to bring his commitment up a little bit more, from his nutrition, to his work in the gym, to his work ethic.

"He's made great, great strides. His diet. I seen him in the gym all the time. I'm getting positive reports from our fitness guy (Mark Fitzgerald). He's upped his pace in practice."

Eakins called out Kadri on the first day of Marlies camp, saying his body fat level was too high. The outcry that followed — fans seemed despondent at the news — surprised him.

Kadri has only two assists in five games — not the level expected. So Eakins rejigged his lines. Kadri is skating on a line now with Mike Zigomanis and Ryan Hamilton.

But even though he hasn't scored yet, Eakins says he isn't worried about Kadri's production because he's getting a ton of chances.

"He's going to get his full share of points," said Eakins. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Marlies forward Nazem Kadri fails to score past Griffins goalie Tom McCollum in a shootout Sunday in Toronto. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New York Islanders to call Brooklyn home

Workers sweep in front of the Barclays Center in Brooklyn in September. The New York Islanders will move there from Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y. KATHY WILLEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Now hockey is coming to Brooklyn.

The NHL's New York Islanders have agreed to move to the Barclays Center starting with the 2015-16 season.

"Hello Brooklyn!" Islanders owner Charles Wang said as he made the announcement at a news conference Wednesday. The lease deal is for 25 years.

Officials in nearby Nassau County, N.Y., have struggled for years to come up with a plan to either renovate or build a new arena to replace the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, which opened in 1972. Wang, the founder of a computer software company, presented a plan in 2003 for a privately funded multibillion-dollar development of housing, retail and a new arena on the property, but the proposal foundered amid community opposition.

Staying close

The Barclays deal took seven months to complete and was finished Tuesday night, according to Wang, who said he had wanted to keep the team local.

Wang had long threatened to move the team from its home in Uniondale after the club's lease expired following the 2014-15 season. He complained that the dilapidated building is unsuited for a professional sports franchise.

"Brooklyn is big time and now we have the big-league sports to prove it," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Long Island fans seemed resigned to the move for a team that won the Stanley Cup every year from 1980 through 1983 but missed the playoffs last season.

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4 SPORTS

‘Knothole gang’ gathers for free look at World Series

Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval hits a first-inning home run off of Tigers starter Justin Verlander in Game 1 of the World Series on Wednesday night in San Francisco. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

MLB. Chain-link fence in left field gives San Francisco fans rare view of baseball heroes

They’re teens skipping school and adults driving through the night to line up before dawn in soggy San Francisco — all for a chance to watch a few innings of the World Series for free.

The die-hard fans are known as the “knothole gang,” a group prepared to endure all sorts of discomfort for their Giants, just as they did at AT&T Park in 2010 when the team battled the Texas Rangers, and again this September and throughout the playoffs.

Early Wednesday, fans began lining up again, and the queue kept growing as game time approached.

From the park’s “knothole,” the lucky ones share the same vantage point as Giants right fielder Hunter Pence, peering through a chain-link fence enclosing four viewing portals stretching about 100 feet under the right-field stands. They’ll shake the fence and scream insults at the opposing right fielder, who stands just feet away.

There is no other place like it in the Major Leagues. The Giants’ ballpark is the only stadium in the country with the feature, but there are rules: No chairs, dogs or drinking. And every three innings, security rotates people in and out.

But for those who lined up 12 hours or more before the first pitch, the price was right.

“I could afford maybe one ticket, but not a ticket for everyone,” said Tony Bryson, 44, who travelled from Sacramento with his two sons and three of their friends to secure a spot. They arrived around 7 a.m. and bundled up against the cold and rain of the early morning.

Bryson and his group also viewed the 2010 World Series from the “knothole” area and they and the other regulars wouldn’t have it any other way.

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Go to metronews.ca/sports for coverage of Game 1 of the World Series.

Quoted

“I have a good relationship with all those guys. It will be exciting to play against them. It will be extra motivation.”

Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera who is one of at least nine Venezuelans playing in this year’s World Series.

Hot ticket?

11,000

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were 11,000-plus listings for tickets for the World Series opener on the resale market, according to fansnap.com, with an average price of $784 and a low of $313. Later in the day, listings dropped to 9,200 and the low fell to $256.

No closer conclusion

“Just going to play it by ear, see what happens.”

Tigers manager Jim Leyland who hadn’t made a decision on his closer going into Game 1. Lefty Phil Coke earned saves in Games 2 and 3 against the Yankees, brought in against a team with powerful left-handed hitters. Usual closer Jose Valverde has struggled so far this post-season.

Drug discipline

Giants will go for title minus Melky

Giants manager Bruce Bochy reiterated San Francisco will not add all-star game MVP Melky Cabrera to the World Series roster following the end of his 50-game drug suspension.

Reliever Guillermo Mota has been part of the team’s post-season roster following his 100-game suspension for a second violation for a positive test of clenbuterol which he said was in children’s cough syrup.

Cabrera was suspended Aug. 15 for 50 games after testing positive for testosterone. The ban ended with the completion of the NLDS.

“I think they’re two different situations really,” “I mean, one happened during the season with Mota, and he was available to help us out during the season. So we made a spot there for him. Now, with Melky, we felt when that happened, as far as losing him, the club played very well, and the guys that we had been putting out there have done the job. They’ve earned this, and this is the way we’re going to move forward.”

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will go out of your way to prove you have what it takes, but don't go too far and do something that lands you in a lot of trouble. By all means, be adventurous but keep things in perspective too.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may be tempted to take some kind of risk but the Sun linked to Saturn in your opposite sign warns that's not such a good idea. Try to think through the consequences of your actions before you take them.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
No matter how eager you may be to change your life for the better, you still need to invest a bit more time thinking things through. Your plans may never be watertight but they can be more realistic.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Your confidence is back and everyone is praising you to the skies. That is all very nice but you should be aware that some of those people don't really want to see you succeed. You know who they are.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
It might be tempting to get involved in a dispute of some kind but if you are smart, you will keep your distance. Nothing you do or say will change the situation one little bit, so leave well alone.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you allow other people to speak on your behalf, you will probably regret it. Either speak for yourself or keep your thoughts secret. In general, the less others know about your plans and ambitions, the better.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The Sun close to Saturn in the money area of your chart warns you need to be realistic about your cash flow situation. Don't spend it if you haven't got it — and, if you have got it, save it for later.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may think that nothing can harm you, that fortune favours you because you are bold. To an extent that is true, but don't get silly about it. Even Scorpios are human. Even Scorpios bleed. Be careful.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
To resolve a long running problem, you may need to team up with someone who knows more about a specific area than you do. You can make use of their knowledge and they can make use of your energy.

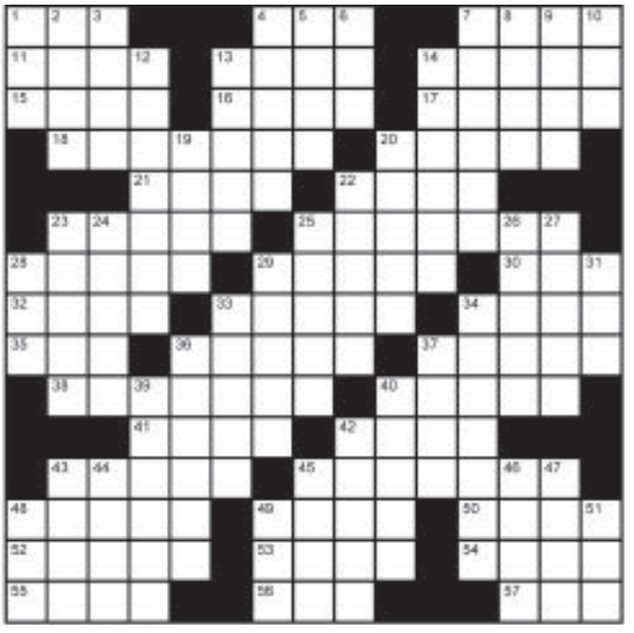
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Everything has its place and purpose. It is simply not true that we live in a meaningless universe. You may be a down to earth sort by nature but today you will want to dig deeper into life's mysteries.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to take anything for granted today. And try not to let your fantasies take over your mind. Wishful thinking can be fun but it can also be dangerous. Reach for the stars but don't lose touch with reality.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There is no point trying to force yourself to do something you don't enjoy because you won't do a good job at it. Either you give it one hundred per cent or you don't do it at all. What will it be? SALLY BROMPTON

This Puzzle Has No Title

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



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1. Occupied a chair
4. Astroturf rival
7. Desire
11. Biggest problems of some celebrities
13. Identical
14. Québec peninsula along the south shore of the Saint Lawrence River
15. Winnie-the-___
16. "Sad to say ..."
17. "On the ___ hand ...": "Here's a different idea ..."
18. BC's ___ National Park, in the Rockies near Revelstoke
20. Headquartered
21. A whole bunch
22. Jaguar or Mustang
23. ___-et-un: blackjack (from French for "21")
25. Side with the football
28. Assistants
29. Irritate by rubbing
30. A cheer
32. Member of a landscaping team who digs up weeds
33. Like nonvegetarian spaghetti sauces
34. Apple eater's throw-away
35. ___ mode: with ice cream (2 wds.)
36. Bookstore shelving category
37. "___ Lane": Beatles song
38. "Wild Rose Country" province
40. Infraction fees
41. Cabin material
42. Transmitted
43. Black playing card
45. Canada's most populous province
48. Cognizant of one's surroundings
49. ___-Ball: old arcade game
50. Makes a mistake
52. Challenges
53. Bauxite and galena
54. Insecticide ingredient
55. Adds color to
56. Place for a drink
57. Asian sauce type

Down
1. End-of-summer mo.
2. All ___: excited
3. Chisel or hammer
4. After-Christmas store events
5. *Rubáiyát* poet Khayyam, actor Sharif, or *House* actor Epps
6. ___ Moines, Iowa
7. Doctor who's Sherlock Holmes's sidekick
8. "How ___, Doc?": "What's his prognosis?" (2 wds.)
9. Exceeded the posted limit
10. That girl
12. Montréal-born *Star Trek* star William
13. Blessed one
14. Colonel Sanders, Mitch Miller, or the Devil's beard type
19. Gear teeth
20. Saskatchewan-born folk singer Sainte-Marie
22. ___ worse than death: dire outcome (2 wds.)
23. String quartet member
24. Worthy aim
25. Scarlett ___ of *Gone With the Wind*
26. Witch
27. Brings in, as a salary
28. "Gotcha!"
29. Change for a nickel
31. "Pay attention!"
33. Become one company
34. Moved to the middle
36. Hollow, crystal-lined stones
37. ___ colada: rum cocktail
39. Plays at maximum volume
40. Big celebrations
42. Villainous expression
43. Bend with the breeze
44. Peel
45. Southern US stew ingredient
46. Angers
47. Sandwich cookie
48. Also say
49. Bawl
51. Pig pen

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ARRIVE EARLY FOR BEST SELECTION BECAUSE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE THESE SAVINGS ONCE THESE VEHICLES ARE SOLD.

ALL SALE PRICES INCLUDE ALL DEALER FEES AND ARE PLUS HST AND LICENSE ONLY

IN-STOCK 2012 INVENTORY

	MSRP	SALE	AVERAGE DISCOUNT	OUR DISCOUNT
GMC ACADIA SLE AWD	~~$52,399~~	$41,479	$2,096	$10,920
GMC ACADIA SLE AWD	~~$49,174~~	$38,579	$1,965	$10,535
GMC ACADIA SLE FWD	~~$49,399~~	$38,779	$1,976	$10,620
CHEVROLET CAMARO 2SS COUPE	~~$49,559~~	$42,979	$1,982	$6,580
CHEVROLET CRUZE ECO SEDAN	~~$23,749~~	$22,779	$475	$970
CHEVROLET CRUZE LS SEDAN	~~$21,834~~	$21,079	$437	$755
CHEVROLET CRUZE LS SEDAN	~~$19,789~~	$19,379	$396	$410
CHEVROLET CRUZE LS SEDAN	~~$19,594~~	$18,979	$392	$615
CHEVROLET CRUZE LS SPECIAL ED.	~~$23,724~~	$22,879	$474	$845
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CHEVROLET CRUZE LT TURBO SDN	~~$22,284~~	$21,379	$446	$905
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CHEVROLET CRUZE LTZ TURBO SDN	~~$30,589~~	$29,479	$612	$1,110
BUICK ENCLAVE CXL FWD	~~$53,834~~	$42,979	$2,153	$10,855
CHEVROLET EQUINOX LS FWD	~~$28,524~~	$24,679	$570	$3,845
CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV AWD	~~$100,749~~	$82,979	$6,045	$17,770
CHEVROLET SONIC LTZ SEDAN	~~$23,674~~	$22,279	$473	$1,395
CHEVROLET SONIC LTZ SEDAN	~~$23,674~~	$22,179	$473	$1,495
CADILLAC SRX AWD	~~$49,254~~	$40,979	$1,970	$8,275
CHEVROLET TRAVERSE 1LT FWD	~~$41,744~~	$31,979	$1,670	$9,765
CHEVROLET TRAVERSE 1LT FWD	~~$43,134~~	$33,279	$1,725	$9,855
CHEVROLET VOLT	~~$45,859~~	$35,279	$917	$10,580
CHEVROLET SONIC LS 5-DOOR	~~$17,339~~	$16,479	$347	$860
CHEVROLET SONIC LS 5-DOOR	~~$19,789~~	$18,679	$396	$1,110

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BUICK LACROSSE AWD	~~$43,234~~	$34,979	$1,729	$8,255
CHEVROLET MALIBU LS SEDAN	~~$26,269~~	$19,979	$1,051	$6,290
CHEVROLET ORLANDO 1LT	~~$26,794~~	$21,979	$1,072	$4,815
CHEVROLET ORLANDO 1LT	~~$26,804~~	$21,979	$1,072	$4,825
CHEVROLET ORLANDO 1LT	~~$26,559~~	$21,679	$1,062	$4,880
CHEVROLET ORLANDO 1LT	~~$26,334~~	$21,220	$1,053	$5,114
CHEVROLET ORLANDO 2LT	~~$28,499~~	$23,479	$1,140	$5,020
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CHEVROLET ORLANDO 2LT	~~$28,004~~	$22,979	$1,120	$5,025
CHEVROLET ORLANDO LTZ	~~$34,614~~	$28,979	$1,385	$5,635
BUICK REGAL E-ASSIST	~~$38,929~~	$31,479	$1,557	$7,450
BUICK REGAL GS	~~$45,834~~	$37,579	$1,833	$8,255
BUICK REGAL TURBO	~~$38,274~~	$32,779	$1,531	$5,495
GMC SIERRA CREW 4WD	~~$51,294~~	$35,479	$3,078	$15,815
GMC SIERRA CREW 4WD	~~$44,579~~	$31,279	$2,675	$13,300
GMC SIERRA SLE 2500 REG 4WD	~~$47,604~~	$36,979	$2,856	$10,625
CHEVROLET SONIC LS SEDAN	~~$18,789~~	$17,679	$376	$1,110
CHEVROLET SONIC LT 5-DOOR	~~$22,014~~	$20,579	$440	$1,435
CHEVROLET SONIC LT 5-DOOR	~~$21,529~~	$20,179	$431	$1,350
CHEVROLET SONIC LT 5-DOOR	~~$21,634~~	$20,179	$433	$1,455
CHEVROLET SONIC LT SEDAN	~~$27,089~~	$24,479	$542	$2,610
CHEVROLET SONIC LTZ 5-DOOR	~~$24,174~~	$22,779	$483	$1,395
CHEVROLET SONIC LTZ SEDAN	~~$24,054~~	$22,479	$481	$1,575
CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXT 4WD	~~$39,419~~	$27,979	$2,365	$11,440
CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXT 4WD	~~$40,879~~	$28,979	$2,453	$11,900

COMPANY DEMONSTRATORS

	MSRP	SALE	AVERAGE DISCOUNT	OUR DISCOUNT
CADILLAC CTS 3.0L SEDAN	~~$42,634~~	$30,995	$1,705	$11,639
CADILLAC CTS 3.0L SEDAN	~~$51,979~~	$38,995	$2,079	$12,984
CHEVROLET EQUINOX 1LT FWD	~~$33,659~~	$27,695	$1,346	$5,964
CHEVROLET CRUZE LS SEDAN	~~$21,239~~	$19,995	$425	$1,244
GMC YUKON SLT 4WD	~~$70,159~~	$49,979	$4,210	$20,180

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CHEVROLET EQUINOX LTZ FWD	~~$39,079~~	$32,995	$1,563	$6,084
CHEVROLET ORLANDO 2LT	~~$28,499~~	$21,995	$1,140	$6,504
CADILLAC SRX LUXURY PKG.	~~$49,849~~	$39,995	$1,994	$9,854
CADILLAC CTS 3.6L COUPE	~~$50,919~~	$38,995	$2,037	$11,924
CHEVROLET CRUZE ECO SEDAN	~~$24,519~~	$23,495	$490	$1,024

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